

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify provisions relating to asylum eligibility.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “End the Border Crisis  
5       Now Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ASYLUM ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN ALIENS LAW-**  
7       **FULLY ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES.**

8       Section 208(a) of the Immigration and Nationality  
9       Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(a)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “is physically  
2           present” and all that follows through “United States  
3           waters)” and inserting “has been lawfully admitted  
4           to the United States”; and

5           (2) in paragraph (2), by amending subpara-  
6           graph (A) to read as follows:

7                   “(A) SAFE THIRD COUNTRY.—Paragraph  
8           (1) shall not apply to an alien if the Attorney  
9           General or the Secretary of Homeland Security  
10          determines that—

11                   “(i) the alien may be removed, pursu-  
12                  ant to a bilateral or multilateral agree-  
13                  ment, to a country (other than the country  
14                  of the alien’s nationality or, in the case of  
15                  an alien having no nationality, the country  
16                  of the alien’s last habitual residence) in  
17                  which the alien’s life or freedom would not  
18                  be threatened on account of race, religion,  
19                  nationality, membership in a particular so-  
20                  cial group, or political opinion, and where  
21                  the alien would have access to a full and  
22                  fair procedure for determining a claim to  
23                  asylum or equivalent temporary protection,  
24                  unless the Attorney General or the Sec-  
25                  retary of Homeland Security finds that it

1 is in the public interest for the alien to re-  
2 ceive asylum in the United States; or

3 “(ii) during the 180 days immediately  
4 preceding the admission of the alien to the  
5 United States, the alien was physically  
6 present in a country described in clause  
7 (i), unless the alien demonstrates, by clear  
8 and convincing evidence, that—

9 “(I) the alien applied for asylum  
10 or equivalent temporary protection in  
11 such country and was denied asylum  
12 or equivalent temporary protection; or

13 “(II) the conditions in the coun-  
14 try of the alien’s nationality have sig-  
15 nificantly changed for the worse since  
16 the alien was physically present in a  
17 country described in clause (i).”.